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1 A teenage girl in Los Angeles County who had traveled to El Salvador in late November tested positive for the mosquito-transmitted Zika virus but has since recovered, public health officials said. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said in a statement that it is conducting surveillance to identify any infected travelers returning to the county. REUTERS

US, TEHRAN RELATIONS

2 The United States cannot solve problems in the Middle East without Iran's help and should drop its "hostile" stance toward Tehran, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said. Rouhani also took a swipe at regional arch rival Saudi Arabia, saying its military campaign in neighboring Yemen was a failure. Rouhani is midway through a four-day trip to Italy and France, looking to burnish his country's international credentials following the signing last year of a nuclear accord with world powers and the lifting of financial sanctions. REUTERS

TRANSGENDER BATHROOM

3 A U.S. appeals court heard arguments over whether a high school in Virginia should be ordered to allow a transgendered student to use the boys' bathroom, even though he was born a biological female. The student, Gavin Grimm, a 16-year-old junior at Gloucester High School, is suing the Gloucester County School Board over its restroom policy. REUTERS

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

7 Marta Wise holds a photograph of herself and 12 other children, that was taken at Auschwitz-Birkenau by Alexander Vorontsov, a Soviet photographer who accompanied the soldiers of the Red Army when they liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945. The photograph depicts 13 children, one of whom (fifth from the right) is hidden from view, and only his cap is visible. Mrs. Wise gave a speech in the United Nations General Assembly hall, during a ceremony for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Wednesday in New York City.

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QUEENS FATAL SHOOTING

NYPD Suspect Tyquan Long

4 A woman is dead and another is injured following a shooting in Far Rockway, Queens. Shortly before 11 a.m. on Wednesday, cops responded to a call that of a shooting at 333 Beach 32nd Street. "Upon arrival, officers discovered a 51-year-old female in the lobby with a gunshot to the hand and in an apartment of the location, a 36-year-old female was discovered with a gunshot wound to the torso," police said. JOSH KRUGER

PENTAGON CONTRACTS

5 The Pentagon views public-private partnerships as the best way to end U.S. reliance on Russian rocket engines, and plans to award contracts for such arrangements in fiscal 2017, Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work said in a letter obtained by Reuters. Work told Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain in the letter dated Jan. 26 it was unrealistic to transition completely away from the Russian RD-180 engines that power the Atlas 5 rocket built by United Launch Alliance, a joint venture of Lockheed Martin and Boeing, before 2021 or 2022. REUTERS

WORKER IMPALED

6 A construction worker suffered serious injuries after he fell four stories and was impaled by a metal bar, DNA Info reports. The incident happened near Union Square at 34 W. 17th Street around 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, when the unidentified 34-year-old construction worker fell down an elevator shaft while installing drywall. Witnesses told DNA the man was impaled by three pieces of metal that punctured his torso, thigh and groin. MATT LEE

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Faithful friends searching for missing woman

Sierra Shields was last seen two weeks ago leaving her job at LaGuardia.

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Shields PROVIDED

Almost two weeks have passed since friends and family have heard from Sierra Shields, and although there have been tough moments filled with a wide range of emotions, there is one thing keeping them going: faith.

Shields was last seen on Jan. 14 leaving her job at LaGuardia Airport on foot after reportedly quitting out of the blue.

Although the reason for the 30-year-old's disappearance and the details that led to her walking out are still a mystery, members of her local church have worked tirelessly with Shields' family to get the word out and help find her.

Larry Mayberry, pastor of the Connection Church in Astoria — where Shields has been a member since 2014 — said parishioners have come together in hopes of finding Shields, who was like a member of their family.

"A lot of people that are part of our church family love her a lot," Mayberry said.

Mayberry said Shields had a personality that always wanted to help and serve. She was one of the teachers who would teach ESL for free on Sundays and was always offering to do jobs no one else would do.

"She was always serving in some way," Mayberry said. " She was very, very compassionate. Rarely thinking of herself and always things of others."

Since Day 1, members of the church have passed out fliers with photos and information of the missing Astoria resident. Volunteers have hit every subway line and most of the major subway stations trying to spread the word.

> *"A lot of people that are part of our church family love her a lot."*
>
> Mayberry

They have also checked hospitals and shelters, and have reached out to local elected officials.

Members of the church have also been hosting Shields' family — who traveled here from Chicago — and have been providing them with meals and keeping them company.

Four members of her family are currently still in the city helping with efforts to look for Shields. Three of her siblings were also able to attend a vigil of hope in New York on Jan. 22 thanks to the airline Shields worked for flying them over.

"[We're] just trying to make sure the family doesn't have to worry about anything other than finding Sierra," Mayberry said. "Sierra was our family too, so of course we would do this."

And although at times her family has been overcome with emotion, Mayberry said that through it all they have remained strong and have kept their faith strong — something that has helped everyone see a bright future.

"The family has an incredible amount of faith in God and the fact that Sierra will be found and that has been inspiring for all the people in our church," Mayberry said.

A Facebook page called "Find Sierra Shields" was also created days following the young woman's disappearance and has since garnered over 9,000 likes and receives constant comments of support and love from all over the country.

Through this campaign — which uses the hashtags #FindSierraNYC and #616Sierra — participants are asked to spend 16 minutes a day, for the next six days, sharing the information.

"We don't belie that God has forsaken or forgotten Sierra and we don't believe He has forgotten us in our search for her," Mayberry said.

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The transit agency announced on Wednesday that the personal wheeled vehicles will no longer be allowed aboard trains or buses or at stations of the New York City Subway, New York City Buses, Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad, Staten Island Railway or Access-A-Ride.

"The safety of our customers and employees is always our top concern," MTA Chief Safety Officer David Mayer said in a statement. "For obvious reasons, it is not safe to use hoverboards, skateboards or other personal wheeled vehicles on station platforms. We're equally concerned about the safety risk of bringing devices that pose fire hazards into the confined spaces inside trains and buses."

A man rides a hoverboard.
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The ban doesn't just mean that they can't be used — they are prohibited from being in a person's possession.

Explaining the reasoning, the MTA said its "safety rules have long prohibited the use of personal wheeled vehicles, such as skateboards, skates or scooters, in train stations.

The rules of conduct also prohibit customers from possessing hazardous or flammable materials into the public transportation network, and the lithium-ion batteries used to power hoverboards pose the risk of fire."

The MTA added that hoverboards have been already been banned by Amtrak, American regional railroads, including Chicago's Metra and Los Angeles' Metrolink, and most U.S. airlines.

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Truck busted in Queens with $14M of heroin
A dog's good nose helped authorities make a huge bust on Tuesday night when they caught two men in Queens attempting to transport about $14 million of heroin.

At around 8 p.m. the DEA's New York Drug Enforcement Task Force — made up of members of the DEA, NYPD, and New York State Police — were conducting surveillance near Northern Boulevard and 84th Street in Elmhurst as part of an ongoing investigation.

Authorities observed a blue pick-up truck and a silver pick-up truck — both with North Carolina license plates — towing a hitch trailer and driving together, according to the office of the city's Special Narcotics Prosecutor.

One vehicle was unregistered and both were seen circling blocks several times, authorities said. At 8:45 p.m., agents and officers approached the vehicles and identified themselves.

A trained search dog then alerted authorities to the presence of controlled substances in one of the pick-up trucks and the two drivers — Guatamalan natives Peter Omar Garcia-Romero and Jose Guadencio Lantan-Vela — were taken into custody. Garcia-Romero was a resident of North Carolina, while Lantan-Vela entered the U.S. on a travel visa on January 15.

The vehicles were taken to the DEA's Manhattan headquarters where a search warrant was executed on both trucks.

Heroin was found hidden within a car axle casing that was in the bed of the silver pick-up truck. The DEA estimates that the black market value of the heroin found was at least $14 million.

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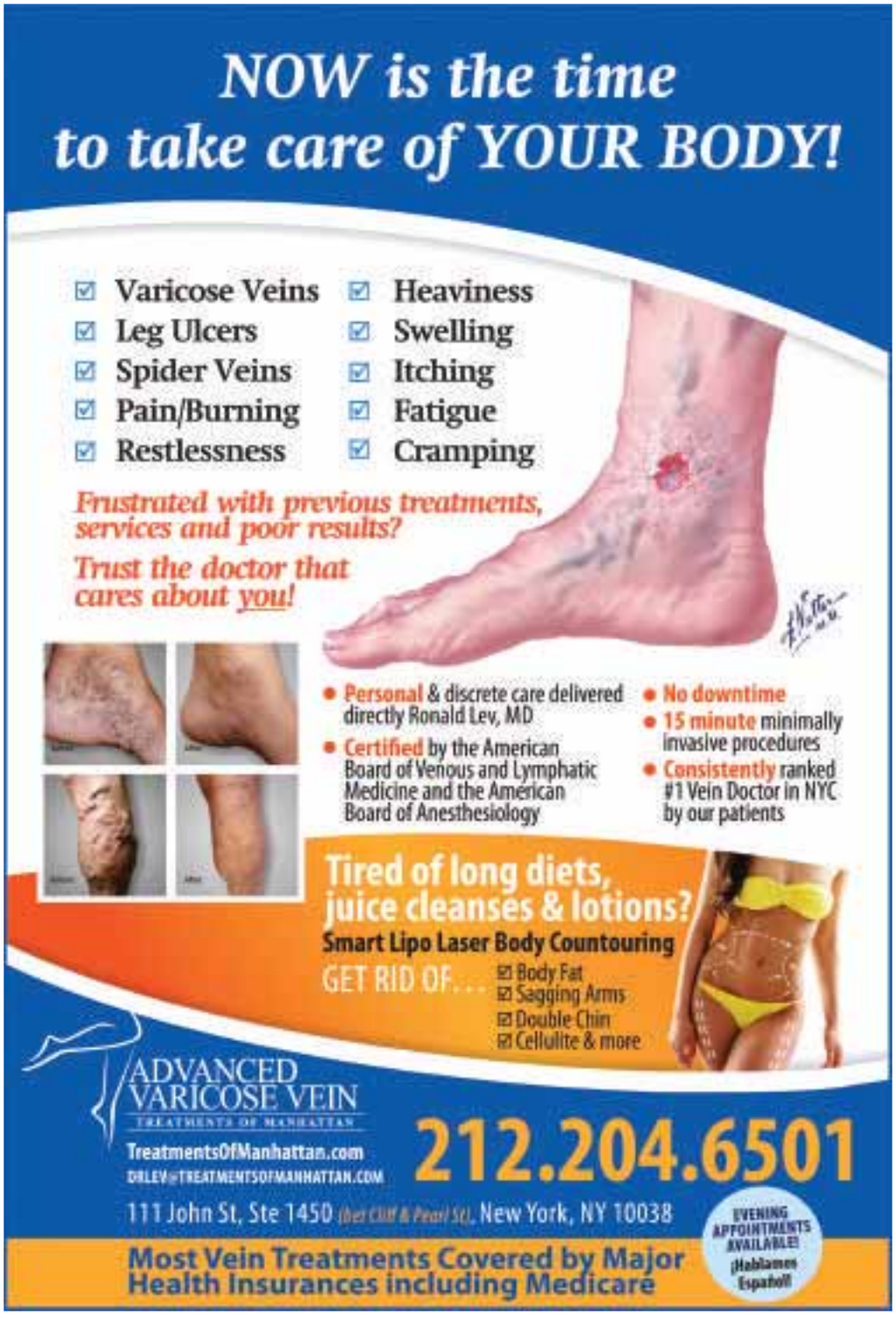
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Straphangers

In the past two days, four people have been attacked on the subway by random suspects who later flee.

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Beware the closing doors — and slashers.

A recent string of face slashings on the city's subways has some riders nervous, while others said you just have to keep an eye open for any strange behavior.

On Monday, police reported two slashings of female subway riders. The first occurred at the Broadway-Lafayette subway station as the victim was exiting the D train at around 6:50 a.m. The suspect — who is still at large — slashed the woman's face and fled.

Later that same morning at 7:30 a.m. a 71-year-old woman was attacked on a 6 train at the Bleecker Street station, leaving her with a 4-inch cut across her cheek. The slasher was later turned in to the police by his own grandmother.

Another attack occurred on Tuesday night at the 116th Street station in East Harlem. A 32-year-old man was waiting for the 6 train when another man approached him and cut his face before running away.

That same night, a 29-year-old woman was cut on her right hand by another subway rider who allegedly said, "I will chop you up on this train," before hitting her with an object wrapped in a cloth.

Since the start of the new year, a total of 11 face slashings have occurred in the city, according to ABC New York.

Police said the number of slashings and stabbings has increased 14.8 percent with 286 incidents this January — compared with 249 during the same period in 2015.

The police also said they don't believe the incident on Monday was connected to any of the other cases and it was just a copycat attack, the New York Daily News reported.

Although these recent crimes have occurred randomly, cops told Metro NY that the majority of stabbings reported are not random.

Police Commissioner William Bratton said Wednesday there is a large police presence on the subways, and authorities are making quick arrests.

For 14-year-old Shakira Mills, Tuesday night's first slashing was the scariest for her because it happened just a few blocks from her home and it's

Two incidents Tuesday

NYPD seeks Brooklyn 3 train assault suspect
Police are seeking an at-large suspect who struck a subway rider with an unknown object before fleeing in Brooklyn.

Around 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, authorities responded to a call of an assault on a southbound 3 train between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway. The victim, a 29-year-old woman, had cuts on her right hand that were caused when the suspect struck her with an object wrapped in a cloth, police stated.

The victim told police that the suspect said, "I will chop you up on this train," before hitting her.

The suspect, who fled the scene, is described as a black man who stands approximately 5-feet-9 and weighs about 175 pounds, according to police. He was last seen wearing a black jacket, green hat, camouflage

cautious after recent subway slashings

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"I think it's disgusting. It doesn't make sense. My children take the train so I'm worried. I hope [the police] catch all of them."
Aguile

a station she usually frequents.

"I feel scared because I feel like it's a lot of women being targeted," Mills said. "I'm looking around a lot more because I don't want to get slashed in the face. I don't want to be one of those random people."

She added her mom advised her to get up and leave a subway car if she ever feels someone staring at her strangely or acting suspicious.

Fernando Aguile, 47, of Brooklyn also said he is scared but primarily for his children who take the subway to and from school every day.

"I think it's disgusting. It doesn't make sense," he said of the incidents. "My children take the train, so I'm worried. I hope [the police] catch all of them."

However, for some straphangers, the slew of slashings has not made them feel scared, instead they said it is more reason to remain alert and just take caution when riding the subway.

"I'm not necessarily scared, but I know to be careful now, to look around if someone is suspicious," said Naeemah Allen, 14, from Harlem.

Abbey Close, who takes the train at least twice a day with her three children, said she almost always has a positive experience, advised commuters to just stay alert, and most importantly, be kind to one another.

She also said that she believes maybe the weather is behind why certain people choose to act out.

"Maybe our extreme cold has agitated people to hurt each other," Close said. "The randomness and goriness is shocking. My heart goes out to the victims and families. Do what you can to keep yourself safe."

According to police, if anyone sees something suspicious they are asked either to call 911 or reach out to a police officer at the station.

pants and a backpack. METRO

Harlem face slashing leaves one injured, suspect at large

On Tuesday night, an East Harlem subway face slashing became the fourth= such attack within 48 hours.

The victim, a 32-year-old man, was waiting for a Brooklyn-bound 6 train at the 116th Street station just after 9:30 p.m., police said to the New York Daily News. A man approached the victim as he waited and cut his face before fleeing.

The injured rider got himself to the hospital, where he received stitches, PIX 11 reported. At the hospital, the victim did not cooperate with authorities, a police source said to the Daily News.

The attack appears to be unprovoked, PIX 11 added.
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The man suspected of the "chop" threat PROVIDED

Zagat report: How we eat out

A report has uncovered the tipping habits, restaurant trends and restaurant pet peeves most common to different American cities, and it finds that the dining landscape has plenty of similarities but some remarkable differences.

Restaurant culture is evolving differently across the country's major cities, according to the report by Zagat. Some trends indicate real differences in taste and expectations as diners reveal where they are most similar and most different.

When it comes to tipping, Americans leave an average 18.9 percent gratuity, with Boston leaving the most generous tips at 20 percent. Residents of San Antonio average the lowest tips, at 17.1 percent. Philadelphians were the second-highest tippers at 19.9 percent.

But Philadelphians were considerably less forgiving of bad service, with 34 percent of them listing it as their No. 1 dining out irritant. New Yorkers and Bostonians found noise more irritating than shoddy service, according to the report.

Americans differ in dining-out preferences from city to city. FILE PHOTO

Overall restaurant prices vary even more noticeably, with New York City residents spending an average of $48.44 to eat out, a full $12.14 over the national average of $36.30, Zagat reported. Philadelphia came in just above the average at $36.41. Dinners in Detroit cost the least, with an average price of $28.77.

Specific to diners' pet peeves, 32 percent of New Yorkers dislike noise the most, while 34 percent of Philadelphians and 30 percent of Bostonians agree that noise is their biggest complaint when it comes to eating out.

Angelenos eat out the most frequently, with the average L.A. resident dining on the town more than five times a week, Zagat stated. At the other end of the spectrum, Boston has the country's least frequent out-of-home diners, with the average Bostonian eating out fewer than four times a week.

Something it seems we can all agree on: Americans love Italian food. A full 22 percent said it was their favorite cuisine. New York outpaced the rest of the nation with one third of the respondents naming Italian food as their favorite. Philadelphia came in at 26 percent, but Boston was less enthusiastic at 20 percent. Only 10 percent of respondents in Seattle named Italian food as their favorite.

Boston, New York and Philadelphia were among the top five cities to spurn mobile phone use at the table. Forty percent of the respondents nationwide said it's unacceptable, while 48 percent of Bostonians and Philadelphians disapproved along with 45 percent of New Yorkers. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Authorities urge remaining Oregon occupiers to give up after killing

State and federal authorities urged a group of armed men occupying a U.S. wildlife refuge in Oregon to abandon the protest over land rights, a day after their leader and seven other people were arrested and one man killed.

Law enforcement tightened security around the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge after occupation leader Ammon Bundy and his group were taken into custody at a traffic stop in northeast Oregon.

Authorities declined to give details of what led to the fatal shooting of one member of Bundy's group, identified by activists as Robert LaVoy Finicum, a rancher who acted as a spokesman for the occupiers. Bundy's brother, Ryan, was wounded in the incident.

Ammon Bundy HANDOUT

At a news conference in Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday Greg Bretzing, FBI special agent in charge of the agency's Portland office, said that the remaining occupiers were "free to leave" the refuge and would be identified at checkpoints manned by law enforcement.

"Let me be clear: It is the actions and choices of the armed occupiers of the refuge that have led us to where we are today," Bretzing said.

Bretzing said he could not give details of the traffic stop and shooting incident because they are under investigation.

Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward also did not give details but, with his voice breaking, said: "I'm disappointed that a traffic stop yesterday that was supposed to bring peaceful resolution to this ended badly. Multiple law enforcement agencies put a lot of work into putting together the best tactical plan they could, to take these guys down peacefully ...

"If it was as simple as just waiting out some folks down there to get out of some buildings, we could have waited a lot longer," Ward said. "But this has been tearing our community apart. It's time for everybody in this illegal occupation to move on. There doesn't have to be bloodshed in our community." REUTERS

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People aren't thrilled about Fiennes playing Michael Jackson

British actor Joseph Fiennes has been cast as iconic African-American pop star Michael Jackson in an upcoming TV comedy, provoking scorn on social media on Wednesday and fueling a controversy in the entertainment industry over opportunities for black artists.

Fiennes, who is white, will play the late "King of Pop" in an apparently real-life story for Britain's satellite TV channel Sky Arts about a road trip across the United States the singer is said to have taken in 2001 with movie stars Elizabeth Taylor and Marlon Brando.

Sky Arts said in a statement on Wednesday that the 30-minute comedy, called "Elizabeth, Michael & Marlon," is "part of a series of comedies about unlikely stories from arts and cultural history. Sky Arts gives producers the creative freedom to cast roles as they wish, within the diversity framework which we have set."

Jackson, who had the medical condition vitiligo that lightened the color of his skin, died in June 2009 at the age of 50 after an overdose of the sedative propofol.

News of the casting decision came two weeks after the omission of any actors of color from the 2016 Oscar nominations for a second year that led Will Smith and Spike Lee to shun the Oscar ceremony in February and Oscar organizers to bring more women and people of color into their ranks.

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BRIEF

Michigan governor names panel to fix Flint's contaminated water system

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on Wednesday appointed a group of government officials, health and other experts to implement long-term fixes for Flint's lead-contaminated water system as he faced criticism for the state's handling of a crisis that has become a national scandal.

Also on Wednesday, a coalition of Flint residents and national groups filed a lawsuit asking a federal court in Detroit to compel city and state officials to replace all lead water pipes promptly and at no cost to residents.

The 17-member committee appointed by Snyder would recommend ways to help people exposed to lead, study Flint's water infrastructure and determine possible upgrades, his office said in a statement.

The group includes Flint Mayor Karen Weaver; the president and a director of local children's hospital programs; city, county and state officials; and university professors. The members will serve three-year terms.

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Today marks the 30th anniversary of the Challenger disaster, when a booster rocket failed 73 seconds after liftoff, triggering an explosion of the space shuttle's fuel tank. The space shuttle Challenger launched from the Kennedy Space Center on a mission to deploy a satellite in space. Six astronauts and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe were killed. The failure of an O-ring seal in a solid rocket booster was later found to be responsible. Shuttle flights were grounded for two and half years after the accident. REUTERS

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Ben Stiller thinks we all want to be Bieber

Ben Stiller is down with the Biebs, and he thinks all you haters need to check yourselves. Or something. To hear the 50-year-old "Zoolander 2" star tell it, all of our animosity for Justin Bieber is down to the fact that we're all just jealous. And you know? I can't help taking all of this a little personally, Ben. "I think they all want to be him, they all want to be Justin Bieber. They all want Justin Bieber's life, let's face it," Stiller says during Australian promotions for his new film, in which Bieber makes a cameo. "He's a great kid and I was very fortunate to have him in the movie." If you say so. Oh, and speaking of, Bieber's big cameo involves

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him getting murdered — which kind of is reason enough to see it — and apparently audiences at the first screening loved it, laughing and cheering at the pop brat's demise. "What happens to him in the movie indicates how people feel about him," Stiller says. "I think he has a sense of humor about all of it." You had me, and then you lost me.

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Stacey Dash still thinks Black History Month is racist

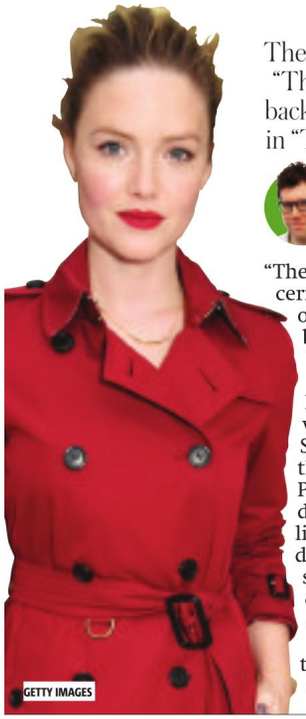
When a celebrity makes a controversial comment and then gets attacked on social media, most freak out and apologize. Not Stacey Dash, who recently said BET should eliminate Black History Month in a blog post titled "Twitter Haters, When Do I Get My Apology For Agreeing With Morgan Freeman About #BlackHistoryMonth." She really knows how to write a headline, huh? Stirring the pot is Gabrielle Union, who told the Associated Press, "If you don't see yourself reflected in mainstream awards, you tend to create your own. Until there is no longer a need for that, I celebrate the ALMAs the same way I celebrate the Country Music Awards, and the same way I celebrate the BET Awards and the Image Awards. The more that we focus on inclusion and a true representation of this country, I think that crazy lady will have less to say." Well. Now we know how she feels about that.

EMILY LAURENCE

Oprah's $12 million tweet

Oprah Winfrey's deal with Weight Watchers is turning out to be ridiculously lucrative. Like, stupid profitable. Winfrey recently tweeted about how she was able to lose weight and still eat bread, and over the next hour after tweeting it, shares for Weight Watchers went up nearly 16%, according to MarketWatch. And part of her deal with the dieting giant involved her taking on 6.4 million shares of the company — which means in one hour she earned herself $12 million. I mean, losing weight while still eating bread is a big deal, sure, but $12 million big? The big question is, given her income and wealth, did she even notice?

Holliday Grainger lives in the past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The English actress (of "The Borgias") heads back to 1950s America in "The Finest Hours."

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"The Finest Hours" concerns the spectacle of two oil tankers being pummeled by one serious nor'easter. Actor Holliday Grainger wasn't part of that. She plays Miriam, the fiancee of Chris Pine's Bernard, who drives the rescue lifeboat into hundred-foot waves to save the crews. She didn't arrive till the end of production.

"My first day they'd been shooting with the guys for months," Grainger tells us. "When I arrived, everyone was staring at me — like, 'Oh my God, it's a girl!' There was this totally different creature in their midst."

Nevertheless, the 27-year-old English actress — best known for the Showtime drama "The Borgias," the TV miniseries "Bonnie and Clyde" (as the former) and last year's "Cinderella," in which she played one of the wicked stepsisters — wasn't simply The Girl. Based on a real event that happened off of Cape Cod in 1952, the film posits Miriam as headstrong. She's the one who proposes to Bernard, not the other way around, which even today is often seen as a no-no.

"I don't just think she's strong for the period," Grainger says. "Even nowadays she would be quite remarkable." She spends part of the film storming into the Coast Guard office, demanding her man's boss (Eric Bana) bring them home. "I don't think doing that is a question for her. It's not that she's particularly brave. It just feels right. She goes with her gut rather than just being brave for the era."

In "The Finest Hours," in theaters Friday, Holliday Grainger plays a woman worried about her fiance (Chris Pine) as he tries to rescue two oil tankers beset-upon by a nor'easter. DISNEY

Going period

Grainger has been largely doing films and TV shows set in the past over the last several years. That, she says, has just been coincidental. "It's not something I actively look for," she explains. She does point out that they've each been different periods and from all over the world, which keeps things fresh. And for her doing period is still relatively new.

"I started acting when I was very young," she says. "Fifteen years of my career I was doing contemporary stuff. Period has just been the chunk of my career people have heard of. To me it still feels like a blip."

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When being plus is a minus

80WSE Gallery's Beyond Measure looks at the fashion industry's complicated history with the plus-size female body.

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Many women feel like they can't play the fashion game — but none more than full-figured women. Or is that voluptuous women? Curvy? Rubenesque?

"We ended up choosing plus-sized because that's the term that is used in the fashion industry," says Ya'ara Keydar, one of the curators who assembled "Beyond Measure: Fashion and the Plus-Size* Woman."

Beyond Measure COURTESY YA'ARA KEYDAR, NYU Inset: "Chubbie" pattern (1961) COMPANY INC. PRIVATE COLLECTION

"There is this endless list of terms and names, and we found out there is not one term that is satisfactory to everyone."

The exhibit at 80WSE Gallery was co-curated by seven graduate students in NYU Steinhart's costume studies program. Stella Ellis, the plus-size model who became a runway sensation and a muse for the fashion world in the 1990s, will discuss her experience at the exhibit's opening reception Thursday night.

"It came out of class focusing on the history of costume in the 19th century," says Keydar. "You can't think about clothes without thinking of the body underneath."

When women began assuming roles beyond homemaking during the 1800s, their clothing needs grew; fashion priorities went from being decorative (crinolines, corsets, endless petticoats) to practical (clothes for working and playing sports).

But it took the work of Victorian dress reformers to get clothiers to address their needs. "So fashion has a lot to do with reflecting the need to restrict," she says.

As ready-to-wear clothing became popular in the early 1900s, the fashion industry got a say in defining what an acceptable woman's body should look like.

"Sizes were standardized in the second half of the 19th century, and everything that exceeded it became marginalized," says Keydar. "Plus-size garments require specialty; they require a very thorough understanding of pattern-making. You have to spend a lot of resources on that, and that was something that many brands just weren't ready to invest in."

There have been some recent strides for plus-size fashion. The democracy of the Internet has empowered women to question why the majority of American women — 67 percent are size 14 or larger — aren't represented in the fashion world.

There are now scores of plus-size fashion bloggers and Instagrammers who are influencing everyday women as well as major brands such as Target.

And the Season 14 winner of "Project Runway," Ashley Nell Tipton, is herself plus-size and presented an entire plus-size collection.

But finding well-made clothes and reliable sizing for larger bodies continues to be a problem.

"You can see there's interest, and there's clientele and there's money in this industry," says Keydar. "There's great potential there."

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Where to go after the show

Seth Rudetsky, star of the new musical "Disaster!" tells us where to find our favorite stars after the curtain closes.

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Theater fans in New York are luckier than most. Not only do we have Broadway and a whole constellation of performance spaces around the city, the first-ever Comic Con for musicals, BroadwayCon, took place in Midtown last weekend — blizzard and all. (The same can't be said for Saturday's theater performances, all of which were canceled after roads and subways were closed. To make up for it, Broadway Week's 2-for-1 ticket deal has been extended through Feb. 7.)

With all the time we spend in the Theater District, it pays to know where to go. We're not just talking the best places to eat, but the best cheap lunches, late-night eats and celebrity-studded cabarets. So who better to ask where Broadway stars hang out than one of their own?

Seth Rudetsky was happy to take us on the Broadway insider's tour. The host of Sirius/XM's "On Broadway" and a fixture of New York City's theater scene as a musician, actor and writer is about to return to the Great White Way in "Disaster!" The musical — which Rudetsky also co-wrote — pays homage to 1970s disaster movies. The show opens at the Nederlander Theatre on Feb. 9.

"There's an earthquake, a tidal wave, piranhas, sharks — just so you know, there's a lot of disasters," he giddily says. "And all the music is from the '70s, my favorite songs in the world, and they all perfectly advance the plot, I like to think, in a very surprising way."

When he's not trying to avert a "Disaster!" here's where you'll find him and other Broadway stars after the curtain call.

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Jan. 28, 8 p.m.
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If a night of discussing mutants and comic books sounds like your normal Thursday, then take a break from the Internet and meet like-minded fans at the Strand's Rare Book Room for a discussion on modern superheroes, queer theory and groundbreaking developments in the world of graphic storytelling. "The New Mutant" author Ramzi Fawaz is joined by artist Phil Jimenez for the discussion.

"Why We Write About Ourselves"

Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m.
Powerhouse Arena
37 Main St., Brooklyn
Free, Powerhousearena.com
Social media has trained us to publish all of our private thoughts. So while we all understand the impulse to overshare, it's fair to wonder why we do it. A new book, "Why We Write About Ourselves," compiles insights from 20 memoirists, some of whom will be on hand to discuss and sign copies.

FOOD

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival

Jan. 30
The Tunnel in Manhattan, 608 W. 28th St.
$99-$199, Beerandbourbon.com
It's the 10th anniversary, so expect no barbecue spits to run cold. The fest features 60 beers, 40 bourbons and countless pork dishes to gorge on. There will also be live music and seminars.

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"Grease!" Singalong

Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Schimmel Center, 3 Spruce St.
$25, Schimmel.pace.edu
Switch out your winter coat for a leather jacket, slick back your hair, and get downtown for the return of the popular "Grease!" singalong. The night starts with a vocal warmup and dance lesson before the singalong begins. The lyrics will be onscreen, and there's also a "fun pack" of props for just waiting for the right time to break out. Don't be a square, come in costume!

MUSIC

The Music of Adele and Sam Smith

Feb. 2, 8 p.m.
City Winery, 155 Varick St.
$40-$60, Citywinery.com
Are you counting down the days until Adele is back in town this fall at Madison Square Garden? To help you survive the wait, you can hear favorite numbers sung by Jenna O'Gara, while "American Idol" finalist Jerome Bell contributes some hits by Sam Smith. Both artists are backed by the Harlem Gospel Choir.

ON SALE NOW

La Nuit en Rosé

Feb. 5-6, noon-9 p.m.
ArtBeam, 540 W. 21st St.
$95-$145, Nuitrose.com
Why wait until summer to drink rosé? In the midst of the vengeful onslaught of a delayed winter, you can cozy up at an indoor garden party sipping pink wine at La Nuit en Rosé, which is coming up in two weeks (but likely to sell out much sooner). Dress in white or pink and visit a secret warehouse, where over 50 types of rosé will be available for tasting, in addition to small plates by nine participating chefs.

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Queens Night Market will return this spring

VINCENT LIM SHOW CHEN

Someday, it will be safe to go back outdoors again. And when that happens, the Queens International Night Market will be there for you.

The weekly street fair of global food, merchandise and live entertainment will return on April 23 at its old digs, on the grounds of the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows. Debuting last April on Saturdays from 6 p.m. until midnight, the Asian-inspired night market was your hook-up cheap street eats from around the world (plantain nachos, tentacle skewers, Guatemalan shuco) as well as vendors, artists, live entertainment and games.

During those initial 12 weeks, crowds reached over 6,000 people every weekend, says founder John Wang. But the market had to move when the U.S. Open arrived in August, followed by Maker Faire.

"We'll need to leave the Hall of Science again this year for those events too, and what happens then is totally up in the air for now," Wang says. "Too far ahead for me to focus on!"

After moving to Jamaica for the last eight weeks of the 2015 season, the market lost some of its momentum before closing on Halloween.

"It started off great [or at least better than expected]," says Wang. "But either it got too cold or the novelty wore off, and the crowds got thinner."

For the reopening, Wang is holding to his $5 cap on food prices. "The focus has always been on community, inclusiveness, and diversity, and I tried to cultivate that every step of the way," Wang says.

In the meantime, he is working to line up sponsorships to be able to hire a staff (currently, he is the only non-volunteer behind the market). He's also looking for vendors, whether it's food, merchandise or art. Musicians and performers are also encouraged to apply at Queensnightmarket.com.

Peek inside the minds of Disney and Dali

"Architects of the Imagination" at the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida, uses virtual reality to explore the decades-long friendship between the two innovative artists.

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The Dali and Disney families around the dinner table in Spain in 1957. COURTESY OF THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY

Dali's "Archaeological Reminiscence of Millet's Angelus." COURTESY OF THE DALI MUSEUM

Walt Disney and Salvador Dali never completed their animated short film "Destino," but the friendship they formed working on it in the 1940s lasted the rest of their lives.

That intersection between two of the 20th century's most innovative and influential artists is explored in the new "Disney and Dali: Architects of the Imagination" exhibit at the Dali Museum St. Petersburg, on Florida's tourist-favorite Gulf Coast, co-organized by the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco.

"We've talked about highlighting these two artists for some time to showcase their collaboration on 'Destino,' their friendship and their collective pioneering spirit of imagination," says the Dali Museum's marketing director, Kathy Greif. "It took the right partners and the right timing, and now we have an incredible show."

The multimedia exhibit includes paintings, story sketches, archival film, photographs and clips from the surreal "Destino," eventually completed by Disney's nephew in 2003, almost 60 years after it was started. The guided audio tour is narrated by Sigourney Weaver.

If that's not enough of a look inside the minds of these "creatures of creativity," as Greif calls them, there's also a virtual reality component to the exhibit. "Dreams of Dali" lets visitors go inside the artist's 1935 painting "Archaeological Reminiscence of Millet's Angelus." As for what exactly that means, you'll just have to check it out for yourself. "Until you experience virtual reality, you can't really even understand it," Greif says. "[It] may have been around for a number of years, but the technology is so improved. It reminds me of the first time I went snorkeling, and what I can only imagine outer space would be like — it's a physically different feeling for your body, and in the case of 'Dreams of Dali,' also for your soul. It's breathtaking."

In its permanent collection, the Dali Museum contains more than 2,000 works from Dali, housed in a building that's partly a glass "bubble" stretching up 75 feet. The "Disney and Dali" exhibit is open through June 12.

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NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

No. 1

Capitals (35-8-3)

It's hard to picture a team having a better first half than the Capitals did. Alex Ovechkin has the second most goals in the NHL, with 28 in just 45 games. The Capitals have the most points in the NHL (73) and the best goal-differential (plus-55).

No. 2

B'Hawks (33-16-4)

Chicago has certainly benefited from playing the most games in the league but it is still the No. 2 team. The Blackhawks have the most points (70) in the West and a stellar record (21-5-1) at home. If their top players stay healthy, the Blackhawks figure to make it interesting in the postseason.

No. 3

Stars (31-14-5)

The Stars stumbled (3-6-1 in last 10 games) into the All-Star break but at least they ended it on a high note with a 2-1 win over Calgary. Through it all, the Stars have the best goal-differential in the West (plus-29). They are only three points behind Chicago with three games in hand.

No. 4

Panthers (29-15-5)

The Panthers are 6-3-1 in their last 10 games and they have won three in a row. Florida has opened up a five-point lead on second-place Detroit in the Atlantic. The Panthers continue to smartly lock up talented young players as they signed center Aleksander Barkov to a six-year deal worth $35.4 million.

No. 5

Kings (30-15-3)

The Kings continue to lead the Pacific Division and they lead the second-place San Jose by nine points. Stingy LA has allowed the fewest goals in the Western Conference (109). Much like Chicago, it'll be hard to bet against the Kings when the playoffs roll around.

No. 6

Blues (28-16-8)

The Blues have more points than both the Panthers and Kings but in the Central, 64 points is only good enough for third. St. Louis is 5-2-3 in its last 10 games but its last contest was a 2-0 shutout loss in Chicago on Sunday. Their mediocre goal-differential (plus-1) is definitely a cause for concern.

No. 7

Rangers (25-16-6)

The Rangers have seemingly figured some things out as they are 6-3-1 in their last 10 games. They have no shot at the Metropolitan Division crown since they trail Washington by 14 points and the Capitals even have three games in hand. They could snag a No. 3 or 4 spot in the East.

No. 12

Islanders (25-16-6)

The Islanders have fallen three points behind the Rangers but they have two games in hand over their neighbors. In fact, if the playoffs started today those two teams would meet in the first round. New York has taken a liking to its new home as is 15-8-3 in its inaugural season at Barclays Center.

Knicks, Hawks in trade talks

According to ESPN.com, the Knicks have been in serious talks with the Hawks over 27-year-old point guard Jeff Teague. Langston Galloway and Jerian Grant are among the New York players rumored to be under consideration for the trade, among others. The NBA trade deadline is on Feb. 18. GETTY IMAGES

FANTASY: KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE REAL NBA TRADE MARKET

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There are things the NFL does better than the NBA. The trade deadline is not one of them. There's sure to be action when the NBA's Feb. 18 deadline hits, so it's time to start thinking about potential fantasy ramifications. At last year's deadline, the Jazz traded Enes Kanter to the Thunder and cleared the path for Rudy Gobert. After the trade Gobert saw a huge minutes bump to 34.1, allowing him to bust out for 10.9 points, 12.8 rebounds, 2.8 blocks and 1.0 steals. Stashing Gobert prior to the deadline was a key to many fantasy titles.

Understanding who is likely to be traded and who could benefit is often a difference-making play.

Chief Kieff clear out

The Suns are arguably the worst team in the league right now and they've gone south on Markieff Morris. It's possible they'll take pennies on the dollar for him. That would be great news for Alex Len, who has per-36 minute averages of 12.8 points, 11.1 rebounds and 1.7 blocks this season. With 33-year-old Tyson Chandler withering down as well, Len projects as the featured player for the Suns.

Love to have Love

There are rumors swirling around Kevin Love as he becomes a scapegoat for any struggles the Cavs encounter. Moving a player who just signed a $112 million contract is never easy, but GM David Griffin has made some big deals at the deadline before. If Love were to move out of the shadows cast by LeBron James and Kyrie Irving, his usage rate would spike dramatically.

Hibberty hop along

Roy Hibbert's 25.1 minutes per game as the Lakers starting center are a waste. There's a decent chance they use his expiring contract to pick up some kind of assets as they prepare for the post-Kobe era.

Two years ago, Kevin Love averaged 26.1 points and 12.5 boards. GETTY IMAGES

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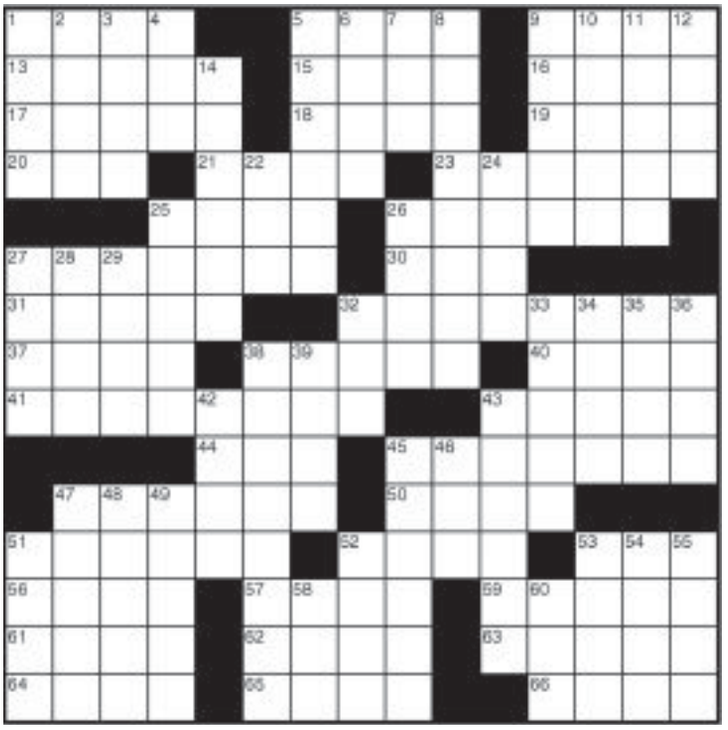

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49 Mork's mate
51 "Breathless" star
52 Curved molding
53 "Nutcracker" costume
54 — — foot pole
55 Trillion, in combos
58 Unlatch, to a bard
60 Ottawa's prov.

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Aries Do what you can and refuse to be daunted by complaints or criticism. Bring about a change that will boost your self-esteem and prepare you for better days ahead.

Taurus Do whatever it takes to fulfill your dream. You will have everything going for you if you are willing to step things up a notch and power your way to the top.

Gemini Be careful how you handle your responsibilities. Someone is likely to complain if you make a self-aggrandizing move. Fulfill your promises and make your motives honorable.

Cancer Do your best to bring greater stability to your financial future. An innovative investment or collaboration with someone with as much to contribute as you will lead to victory.

Leo Not everyone will let you have your way. Don't limit what you can accomplish by arguing with someone who will never see things as you do. Forge ahead alone if necessary.

Virgo Social events should be attended. The people you will meet can improve your life. Romance is in the stars and will bring you great joy. Make a commitment and follow through.

Libra Keep your distance if someone is pressuring you. Gather information that will help you decipher what's best for you, and prepare to make a personal change.

Scorpio How you handle others will make a difference. Take the path that will bring you the most knowledge and experience in order to find your niche. Romance is highlighted.

Sagittarius Stick to basics and don't get caught up in wanting as much or more than your peers. Offer your best, and refrain from letting jealousy dictate your actions.

Capricorn Make a point to let everyone know how you feel. Much can be accomplished if you are open Special plans with someone you love will bring you closer together.

Aquarius Focus on what you can do, and work hard to achieve your goal. The less time wasted disagreeing with others, the better. Forge ahead instead of looking back.

Pisces Don't wait for slowpokes to catch up when you've got so much to gain if you keep a steady pace. Love will highlight your day if you make a romantic gesture. EUGENIA LAST

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Blue	Bono	Dusty
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Couch	Buffalo	Hot
Slim	STING (the musician) (photo clue)	Red
Skim	Diamond	Spinach

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- Eminem's alter ego, ... Shady
- Delicate matter, ... potato
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, ... Springfield
- Mars, the ... planet
- Popeye's favorite food
- Free (legal services), pro ...
- Covered in powder
- Sapphire color
- A divan, or a type of grass
- Catholic designation of the Virgin Mary
- Low-fat (milk)
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